

# Governor's Message

## Welcome to Maryland's 2006-2007 sport fishing seasons!

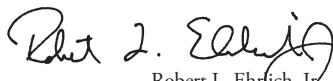
From mountain streams to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay -- and all the ponds, lakes and rivers between -- recreational fishing is an important part of Maryland's culture, heritage and quality of life. Fishing is a wholesome, healthy activity that brings together friends and families, and is enjoyed by both the young and the young-at-heart. We are proud to offer a diverse array of high quality fishing opportunities for all.

Fishing in Maryland is affordable and accessible. More than 700,000 people fish each year in Maryland (not including children under 16) with an estimated annual impact of \$1 billion on our economy. The fact that more than a third of our anglers visit from out of state is further testimony to the value and quality of our fishing resources.

Our recreational anglers are also vital stewards of our natural and living resources, working in concert with resource managers to protect our waterways, fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems. Together we are working to ensure recreational fishing will always remain a Maryland tradition.



Tom Barden, Governor's Office

  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

# Secretary's Message

Greetings fellow anglers! Did you know that revenues from Maryland sport fishing licenses directly support our ability to monitor, maintain, and therefore manage healthy fish stocks?

Non-tidal license fees help DNR manage stocks in inland waters where success stories abound. Outstanding, self-sustaining trout fisheries are now enjoyed in the Savage, Youghiogheny and Gunpowder Rivers as well as the Potomac's North Branch year-round. Tremendous walleye and tiger muskie fishing draws anglers from all over the East Coast. Panfish, bass and more populate our many accessible lakes and ponds. And trout stamp revenues support production of nearly 500,000 rainbow and brown trout annually, which are stocked in streams across the state.

In turn, Bay Sport License sales fund programs that manage Bay species. In addition to world-renowned striped bass fishing, the Chesapeake and its tidal tributaries offer Atlantic croaker, white perch, yellow perch, bluefish, weakfish, summer flounder and blue crab.

DNR is at the forefront of integrating resource management to sustain healthy waterways for healthy fish stocks across the state. This ecosystem-based approach is what makes fishing in Maryland fun, exciting and memorable!



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# Freshwater Sport Fishing

## License Fees

### (NONTIDAL WATERS)

**Resident of the State of Maryland** .....\$10.50

**Resident of the State of Maryland 5-Day** .....\$7.50

**Nonresident** ..... Variable  
(*\$20.50 minimum or reciprocal for state of residence whichever is greater*)

**Nonresident 3-Day or 5-Day** ..... Variable  
(*3-Day/\$5.00 or 5-Day/\$7.50 minimum or reciprocal for state of residence whichever is greater*)

### Resident and Nonresident

**Blind Person** ..... License Required, No Fee

### Consolidated Senior Resident

**Sport fishing License** .....\$5.00

Allows a person 65 years of age or older to fish:

1. In nontidal waters of the State of Maryland
2. For trout in nontidal waters
3. In the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

**Trout Stamp** .....\$5.00

(*Not required for persons under 16 years of age or Consolidated Senior Resident License*)

### Replacement License Fees

Resident and Nonresident .....\$1.00

Trout Stamp .....\$1.00

*Fishermen who lose their licenses may obtain a replacement license from any DNR Regional Service Center. (see page 36)*

## License Requirements

A person may not fish the nontidal waters of Maryland without first obtaining a license. No fee is charged for licenses issued to blind persons or to former prisoners of war. The license shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year. However, a person may fish for finfish without a license in Maryland's nontidal waters if the person is:

1. Under 16 years of age.
2. A resident of Maryland on active duty with Armed Forces, on leave with official orders.
3. A patient of a veterans hospital hospitalized for service connected disability (must secure a permit issued by a special service officer of the American Red Cross granted by the Department).
4. A patient under treatment by a State-approved mental health facility or an individual who attends or resides in a State-approved retardation facility engaged in an approved therapeutic program which involves fishing activities.
5. A person who fishes in nontidal waters of the State on free fishing days designated by the Secretary.
6. A person holding a current consolidated senior sport fishing license.

7. Owners or tenants, spouses, children or the spouse of their children residing on the property may fish from their riparian shoreline on nontidal waters.
8. A person holding a valid Virginia or West Virginia fishing license may fish in the nontidal waters of the Potomac River.
9. A person holding a valid Pennsylvania or Maryland fishing license may fish only the Youghiogheny and Conowingo Reservoirs by boat. Shores and tributaries within Maryland may be fished only by persons holding an appropriate Maryland fishing license.

## A Trout Stamp Is Required

1. For anyone 16 years of age or older to fish in a "special trout management area" or possess trout taken from nontidal waters. Maryland residents holding a valid Consolidated Senior Resident Sport fishing License are exempt.
2. Trout stamps are not required to possess trout taken from privately owned lakes or ponds or licensed fee fishing lakes or ponds that are stocked with trout artificially propagated by, or purchased from, persons licensed by the State to sell fish.

## Fishing Guide License

### Types Available

**NT – allows licensee to provide fishing guide services only in nontidal waters**

**NTT – allows licensee to provide fishing guide services in nontidal waters and designated tidal areas**

**L – allows licensee to provide fishing guide services (paddler and oar only) in all waters of the State.**

### Documents Required by Applicant

1. A valid freshwater angler's license; if applicable.
2. A valid Chesapeake Bay Sport fishing license; if applicable
3. Any necessary stamps issued by the Department;
4. A valid license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, if operating a vessel;
5. A valid copy of a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR); and
6. A valid copy of an American Red Cross First Aid Certification or equivalent.

*Requirements differ for each license type. Contact a DNR Service Center for fees, fishing locations and restrictions.*

## It Is Unlawful

1. To use more than 3 rods at one time (except for ice fishing) or more than 2 hooks per line.
2. To use more than 5 rods (hand held devices) or tip-ups for ice fishing.
3. To cut a hole through the ice measuring more than ten (10) inches in any direction for the purpose of ice fishing.
4. Bait Fish.
  - a. To use a seine that exceeds 6 feet in length or 4 feet in depth to catch bait fish.
  - b. To take or possess more than 35 bait fish per person in any day from nontidal waters of the State. (This does not apply to live bait dealers).
  - c. To take bait fish of any description from any Put-and-Take Fishing Areas or Special Management Areas for Trout.
5. Spear Gun
  - a. To use a spear or spear gun within 100 yards of any private or public swimming areas, scuba diver's flag, other than that used by the spear fisherman, vessel in the water or human being without specific advance permission.
  - b. To use a spear or spear gun in State owned ponds, lakes or Put-and-Take Fishing Areas or Special Management Areas for Trout.
  - c. To shoot any trout, walleye, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, northern pike, large and smallmouth bass, muskellunge or tiger muskie, with a spear gun and spear in the nontidal waters of the State.
6. To use a trotline:
  - a. Except in the mainstem of the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers.
  - b. In any waters during April, May and June.
  - c. In any waters between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., E.S.T.
  - d. Made of metallic material.
  - e. Having more than 75 single hooks.
  - f. More than 300 feet in length.
  - g. Baited with scale bait.
  - h. To catch walleye, smallmouth bass or largemouth bass.
  - i. Not identified with a metal tag securely attached to it showing the name and address of the person operating it.
  - j. Anchored from one shore to the other.
7. In Deer and Swan Creeks in Harford County:
  - a. For a person to catch or attempt to catch fish other than by hook and line only, attached to a pole or rod, with line held in hand, attended in a manner that the fish voluntarily takes bait or lure in its mouth.
  - b. For a person to possess or use minnows for bait while fishing.
8. Bush-bobs/bank poles
  - a. For anyone other than a resident to use bush-bobs or bank poles.
  - b. For residents to use more than 25 bush-bobs or bank poles, or any bush-bobs or bank poles having more than 1 hook to a pole or bob.
  - c. To use bush-bobs or bank poles except in the mainstems of the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers within Carroll, Washington and Frederick counties.
  - d. To use bush-bobs or bank poles between sunrise and sunset.
  - e. To use bush-bobs or bank poles on any streams stocked with trout.
9. Dip net
  - a. For anyone other than a resident to use a dip net in:
    1. the Susquehanna River in Cecil and Harford counties.
    2. Allegany and Washington counties.
    3. the Monocacy and Potomac Rivers in Carroll and Frederick counties.
  - b. To use a dip net from April 16 to December 31 inclusive.
  - c. To use a dip net within 50 yards of the mouth of a tributary or the breast of any dam.
  - d. To use a dip net in waters of the State stocked with trout.

*(Landing nets used to land fish are not considered dip nets.)*

## Mind Your Stream Manners

- Use good manners on the stream today to ensure access to your favorite fishing spots tomorrow. If fishing on private land, remember – you are a guest of the landowner.
- Ask permission of the landowner before entering.
- Treat the area, including trees, shrubs, grass, fences, etc., with respect.
- When departing, leave the area as clean as you found it – littering is unlawful as well as bad manners.
- Do not obstruct driveways, cattleways or fields, or dig in or drive over cleared or cultivated lands – these actions are also unlawful.



### Import of Fish for Stocking

**T**he Fisheries Service is responsible for the protection and management of fish populations across the state. To prevent the introduction of fish that may compete with native or naturalized species, it is unlawful to introduce any fish species except bluegill, sunfish, golden shiner, fathead minnow, channel catfish, and bait fish on a hook for the purpose of angling without written approval of the Freshwater Fisheries Division.

In order to import fish to Maryland, out-of-state suppliers must be registered with the Department. Companies must comply with the Maryland Fish Health Requirements to ensure that aquaculture operations do not adversely impact wild stocks of fish. Please do not release aquarium fish to the wild.

To obtain information pertaining to permits, please contact the Annapolis office at 410-260-8317.

- e. For nonresidents to fish in nontidal waters of the State with nets of any description. However, nonresidents may use a net commonly known as a landing net to land fish caught by hook and line.
  - f. To use a dip net to fish for any trout species, walleye, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, northern pike, large and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, or muskellunge hybrids (including tiger musky).
  - g. For anyone to use a baited dip net by attaching an attractant to the net material or frame.
10. For a nonresident to gig at any time.
  11. To use a gig, gig iron, nets, seines, fish pots or other fishing rigs, except as provided for by law or regulation.
  12. To snag fish with hooks.
  13. To remove the head and tail of fish in possession while at the fishing location. The head and tail shall remain attached in such a manner as to permit identification of fish species and total length.
  14. To use a trap to catch turtles unless the top portion is exposed above the surface of water to prevent mortality.
  15. To disturb, take, destroy or possess any terrapin eggs.
  16. For a person to catch snapping turtles from waters of the State by hook and line, trotline, bow and arrow, spear gig or iron or any device capable of piercing any part of the turtle at any time.
  17. To use a bow and arrow:
    - a. to shoot or attempt to shoot any fish in a Put-and-Take Fishing Areas or Special Management Areas for Trout.
    - b. to shoot or attempt to shoot any fish in state-controlled community ponds or lakes. However, the Department may permit the taking of carp with bow and arrow, if the angler first obtains a valid freshwater fishing license.
  18. To trespass or fish any waters closed to the public for fishing by the Department.
  19. To operate any vehicle on any lands owned or controlled by the Freshwater Fisheries Division without written permission from the Division except on those roads, lanes or areas which are open to automobile traffic or which are specifically marked by the Division.
  20. To camp on lands owned and controlled by the Freshwater Fisheries Division except on designated sites or with written permission.
  21. To swim in any State controlled lake except in designated areas.
  22. To cut any brush, trees or shrubbery on the C&O Canal National Historical Park unless authorized by the National Park Service of the Federal Government.
  23. Battie Mixon Fishing Hole
    - a. To fish in Battie Mixon Fishing Hole in Allegany County between the hours of one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.
    - b. To use boats propelled by gasoline or diesel power on the waters of Battie Mixon Fishing Hole (electric motors only).
  24. To throw, dump, deposit, or cause to be thrown, dumped or deposited any trash, junk or other refuse upon any of the waters of this State.
  25. To fish any streams or nontidal waters stocked with trout between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. (This does not apply to freshwater impoundments of five acres or more.)
  26. To cull trout. "replacing a trout in possession with another trout."



## Maryland Nontidal Hook & Line Fishing Seasons

(Open Year-Round Except as noted)

### BASS (*Largemouth And Smallmouth In Aggregate*)

**Minimum Size:** 12 inches or as provided for by special regulations.

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 5 daily; 10 possession; in aggregate.

Closed March 1 through June 15.

*Catch and release is permitted during closed season.*

### WALLEYE

**Minimum Size:** 15 inches year round, and during January 1 through April 15 the minimum size is 15 inches with a maximum size of 20 inches, in the Potomac River mainstem approximately 0.5 miles upriver from Chain Bridge upstream to the spillway in Cumberland.

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 5

*There is no closed season for the Walleye, except on Deep Creek Lake and the Youghiogheny River downstream of Route 42 bridge from March 1 through April 15.*

### CHAIN PICKEREL (*Pike*)

**Minimum Size:** 14 inches

**Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 5

### NORTHERN PIKE

**Minimum Size:** 30 inches

**Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 2

### MUSKELLUNGE AND HYBRID (*Tiger Muskellunge*)

**Minimum Size:** 36 inches

**Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 1 in aggregate

### HERRING

**Minimum Size:** None

**Open Season:** January 1 through June 5

**Creel Limit:** None

### AMERICAN EEL

**Minimum Size:** 6 inches

**Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 25

*Eels may not be taken by gig in any Put-and-Take*

*Trout Fishing Areas or Special Fisheries Management Areas for Trout.*

### STRIPED BASS (*Rockfish And Hybrid Striped Bass*)

Special Regulations – See page 13

### YELLOW PERCH

**Minimum Size:** 9 inches

**Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 5

*No minimum size or creel if caught in nontidal lakes or ponds.*

*(See page 13 for rivers, streams and tidal information.)*

### WHITE PERCH

**Minimum Size:** None

**Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: None

### TROUT – STATEWIDE (*All Species Of Trout*)

**Minimum Size:** None – Except when otherwise noted.

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 2 daily and possession, in aggregate. Except as provided for by special regulations.

### TROUT – PUT-AND-TAKE AREAS (*All Species Of Trout*)

**Minimum Size:** See stocking closures on page 14.

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 5 daily, in aggregate.

### TROUT – ZERO CREEL AND POSSESSION LIMIT

**Open Year Round** – North Branch Potomac River from upper Potomac River Commission Wastewater Treatment Plant at Westernport downstream to Route 956 bridge at Pinto.

### CRAPPIE

**Minimum Size:** None

**Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 15 daily; 30 possession; in aggregate

### CARP

**Minimum Size:** None

**Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 15 daily; 30 possession; in aggregate

### AMERICAN (WHITE) SHAD AND

### HICKORY SHAD – NO OPEN SEASON

### CHANNEL CATFISH

**Minimum Size:** None

**Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 5 daily; 10 possession

**Bait Restrictions for Madtoms**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 35 daily

### SUNFISH, INCLUDING BLUEGILLS AND ROCK BASS

*(Commonly known as Red Eye or Goggle-Eye)*

**Minimum Size:** None

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 15 daily; 30 possession; in aggregate

### SUCKERS

**Minimum Size:** None

**Open Year Round**

**Creel Limit:** Daily and Possession: 30 daily; 60 possession

# Freshwater Sport Fishing

## BIVALVE/SHELLFISH (MUSSELS AND CLAMS)

### No Open Season

**ALL OTHER FISH SPECIES** have no size or creel limits and no closed season. Fish caught during closed season shall be returned to waters of the state immediately after being caught. Fish with size limits are measured from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail or caudal fin

## Special Fishing Area, Youghiogheny Reservoir

All of that portion of the Youghiogheny Reservoir proper lying within Maryland defined by red posts along the Youghiogheny River, Mill Run, Buffalo Run and all that area downstream shall constitute the Special Youghiogheny Fishing Area and be governed by the following seasons, minimum size limits and creel limits. These laws and regulations have been set forth for 2006 – 2007 by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission in accordance with a reciprocal agreement between Maryland and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON

**Regular Season:** 8 a.m. the first Saturday after April 11 to midnight Labor Day.

**Minimum Size:** 7 inches / **Daily Limit:** 5  
(combined species)

**Extended Season:** All approved trout waters and downstream plus lakes and ponds. January 1 through the last day of February, and the day after Labor Day through December 31. **Minimum Size:** 7 inches / **Daily Limit:** 3 (combined species)

### BASS – LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH AND SPOTTED

**Season:** January 1 through midnight the day before opening day of regular trout season and November 1 through December 31.

**Minimum Size:** 15 inches / **Daily Limit:** 4  
(combined species)

**Season:** The opening day of regular trout season through June 11.

**No Harvest – Catch and immediate release only, no tournaments permitted.**

**Season:** The first Saturday after June 11 through October 31.

**Minimum Size:** 12 inches / **Daily Limit:** 6  
(combined species)

### MUSKELLUNGE AND MUSKELLUNGE HYBRID

**Season:** January 1 through March 14, and the first Saturday through December 31.

**Minimum Size:** 30 inches / **Daily Limit:** 2  
(combined species)

### PICKEREL

**Season:** January 1 through March 14 and December 1 through December 31.

**Minimum Size:** 15 inches **Daily Limit:** 3

May 1 through November 30

**Minimum Size:** 15 inches **Daily Limit:** 6

### PIKE NORTHERN AMUR

**Season:** January 1 through March 14 and the first Saturday in May through December 31.

**Minimum Size:** 24 inches / **Daily Limit:** 2  
(combined species)

### WALLEYE

**Season:** January 1 through March 14 and the first Saturday in May through December 31.

**Minimum Size:** 15 inches / **Daily Limit:** 6

### SAUGER

**Season:** January 1 through March 14 and the first Saturday in May through December 31.

**Minimum Size:** 12 inches / **Daily Limit:** 6

### AMERICAN SHAD

**Open Year Round / Minimum Size:** None  
**Daily Limit:** 6

### HERRING AND GIZZARD SHAD

**Open Year Round / Minimum Size:** None  
**Daily Limit:** 50 (combine species)

### STRIPED BASS AND STRIPED BASS/WHITE BASS HYBRID

**Open Year Round**  
**Minimum Size:** 20 inches / **Daily Limit:** 2  
(combined species)

### SUNFISH, YELLOW PERCH, WHITE PERCH, CRAPPIES, CATFISH, ROCK BASS, SUCKERS, CARP AND WHITE BASS

**Open Year Round**  
**Minimum Size:** None  
**Daily Limit:** 50 (combined species)

### BAIT FISH, FISH BAIT (EXCEPT MUD BUGS)

**Season:** Open Year Round  
**Minimum Size:** None / **Daily Limit:** 50 (combined species)

### MUD BUGS (*Dragonfly Nymphs*)

**Season:** Open Year Round  
**Minimum Size:** None / **Daily Limit:** Unlimited  
if taken from lakes, ponds, swamps and adjacent areas. 50 per day if taken from rivers and streams.

### AMERICAN EEL (*As Bait Fish*)

**Season:** Open Year Round  
**Minimum Size:** 6 inches to 8 inches  
**Daily Limit:** 50

### PADDLEFISH

**Season:** Closed Year Round



# Special Fisheries Management Areas

## Special Trout Management Areas

### *Catch and Return Trout Fishing Areas Limited to Artificial Fly Fishing Only*

#### 1. Special provisions in effect on these areas:

- a. A person may not have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas. All trout which are caught shall be released and returned to the water.
- b. A person may fish only with artificial flies and streamers constructed using natural and/or synthetic materials (which may include feathers, fur, hair, tinsel, thread, fiber, plastic, cork and rubber) on a single hook with the components wound on or about the hook. Weights or sinkers may be built into the fly or streamer or fixed on the leader. Specifically prohibited are the use of molded replicas of insects, earthworms, fish eggs, fish or any invertebrate or vertebrate either singly or in combination with other materials, or other lures commonly described as spinners, spoons, or plugs made of metal, plastic, wood, rubber or similar substance or a combination of these.
- c. A person may fish only with conventional fly fishing tackle (fly rods, fly reels, and fly line with a maximum of 18 feet of leader or monofilament line attached). Any method of angling when the fly is cast directly from the reel is prohibited. The use of spinning, spincast, and casting reels is prohibited.
- d. Except for artificial flies and streamers, a person may not use or possess any natural bait, bait fish, fish bait, scents or natural or synthetic devices capable of catching fish.

e. The open season is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, inclusive.

#### 2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:

- a. Big Hunting Creek, Frederick County. All waters of Big Hunting Creek and its tributaries within Cunningham Falls State Park and Catoclin Mountain Park except Owens Creek, Little Hunting Creek, Cunningham Falls Lake and Frank Bentz Pond.
- b. Beaver Creek, Washington County. From the confluence with Black Rock Creek downstream approximately 1 mile to a red post located 0.1 mile above Beaver Creek Road.
- c. Patuxent River, Montgomery and Howard Counties. From red bank posts located on both sides of the river, approximately 400 yards below Brighton Dam downstream to Mink Hollow Road.

## Catch and Return Trout Fishing Areas

### *Limited to Use of Artificial Lures Only*

#### 1. Special provisions in effect on these areas:

- a. A person may not have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas. All trout which are caught shall be released and returned to the water.
- b. A person may fish only with artificial lures, including artificial flies.
- c. The use or possession of any natural bait, bait fish, fish bait, scents, or any other devices capable of catching fish other than artificial lures and artificial flies (see definition on page 13) is prohibited.
- d. The open season is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, inclusive.

## Put 'em Back Alive

Use of barbless hooks is recommended in special fishery management areas and for those anglers that release some or all of the fish they catch. Although use of barbless hooks does not appear to significantly increase the chance of a released fish surviving, there are benefits. Barbless hooks are easier to remove, thereby reducing the amount of stress from handling when removing a hook. Injuries to fish which cause scarring and loss of mouth parts are also reduced. Barbless hooks also have the added advantage of being easier to remove from an angler's skin after an errant cast.

Because barbless hooks may not be available at tackle retailers, you can easily make your own by breaking, filing or pinching down the barbs on regular hooks. Give barbless hooks a try, you may be surprised to find that you catch more fish.

## 2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:

- a. Patuxent River, Howard and Montgomery counties. The mainstem of the Patuxent River from the crossing of Maryland Route 97 upstream to the crossing of Maryland Route 27 and Cabin Branch from its confluence with the Patuxent River upstream to Hipsleys Mill Road.
- b. Morgan Run, Carroll County. From bridge on London Bridges Road upstream to bridge on Maryland Route 97.
- c. Paint Branch and tributaries, Montgomery County. Upstream of Fairland Road.
- d. Gunpowder Falls, Baltimore County. Mainstem from Prettyboy Reservoir Dam downstream to Bluemount Road.
- e. North Branch Potomac River from the mouth of unnamed tributary at Bench Mark 1218 on the Westernport U.S.G.S. Quadrangle downstream approximately 0.75 mile to a red post, located approximately 100 yards above the upstream concrete abutments at Barnum, West Virginia, and from a red post located below a pool known as Blue Hole, approximately 1/3 mile upstream of Bench Mark 1110 on the Westernport U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, downstream approximately 4 miles to the confluence of Piney Swamp Run.
- f. Youghiogheny River, Garrett County. Mainstem beginning at a red post approximately 100 yards upstream of the Deep Creek Lake tailrace and extending downstream 4 miles to the Sang Run Bridge.
- g. Little Hunting Creek, Frederick County. Mainstem from a red post located approximately 0.25 mile downstream of Route 806, upstream approximately 1 mile to the upper boundary of Cunningham Falls State Park Manor Area.

- f. Except for artificial lures and artificial flies, a person may not possess or use any natural bait, fish bait, bait fish, scents, or natural or synthetic device capable of catching fish while fishing in this area.

## 2. Area subject to these provisions:

- a. Savage River mainstem from its mouth upstream for a distance of approximately 2.7 miles to the lower suspension bridge (Alleghany Bridge).

## Trophy Trout Fishing Areas

### *Limited to Use of Artificial Flies Only*

1. The following provisions apply to this area:
  - a. Open Season – there is no closed season.
  - b. Creel Limit (all species of trout) in aggregate – 2 Daily / 2 Possession.
  - c. Minimum Size – Brook Trout is 12 inches; Brown Trout is 18 inches; and for all other species of trout there is no minimum size.
  - d. A person may fish only with artificial flies and streamers.
  - e. The use or possession of any natural bait, bait fish, fish bait, scents, or natural or synthetic devices capable of catching fish other than artificial flies is prohibited in this area.
  - f. A person may not have in possession any trout smaller than the minimum size limit in effect for this area.
  - g. A person may fish only with conventional fly fishing tackle. Casting the fly directly from the reel, spinning and spin casting tackle and casting reels are prohibited.
2. Area subject to these provisions:
  - a. Savage River mainstem from the Savage River Reservoir Dam downstream to the lower suspension bridge (Alleghany Bridge).

## Trophy Trout Fishing Areas

### *Limited to Use of Artificial Lures Only*

1. The following provisions apply to this area:
  - a. Open Season – There is no closed season.
  - b. Creel Limit (all species of trout) in aggregate – 2 Daily / 2 Possession.
  - c. Minimum Size – Brook Trout is 12 inches; Brown Trout is 18 inches; and for all other species of trout there is no minimum size.
  - d. A person may not have in possession any trout smaller than the minimum size limit in effect for this area.
  - e. A person may fish only with artificial lures, including artificial flies. Treble hooks are prohibited. Each artificial lure is restricted to a single hook with a single hook point.

## Delayed Harvest Trout Fishing Areas

1. Special requirements in effect for these areas:
  - a. From June 16 through September 30 the daily creel limit and possession limit is two trout (all species of trout in aggregate). During this period no special bait, lure or tackle restrictions are in effect.
  - b. From October 1 through June 15 a person may not keep or have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas. A person may fish only with artificial lures, including artificial flies and streamers. The use or possession of any natural bait, bait fish, fish bait, scents or natural or synthetic devices capable of catching fish other than artificial lures is prohibited.

2. Areas subject to the provision of this section:
  - a. Casselman River mainstem. From the southside of the Interstate Route 68 eastbound bridge downstream to the Pennsylvania State Line.
  - b. Town Creek mainstem. That portion of Town Creek lying within Green Ridge State Forest from a red post located approximately 0.75 miles downstream of the upper ford on Lower Town Creek Road, just south of the Wagner Road intersection, downstream to a red post located just upstream of the lower ford on Lower Town Creek Road (Mallory Place); and from a red post located approximately 0.5 mile downstream of Manifold Road to a red post located approximately 1.75 miles downstream (Bull Ring Ranch).
  - c. North Branch Potomac River mainstem. That portion of the North Branch Potomac River from the lowermost boundary of the Potomac State Forest near Lostland Run to the uppermost boundary of the Potomac State Forest at Wallman.
  - d. Middle Patuxent River – in Howard County, from Route 29 downstream approximately 2.0 miles to Murray Hill Road.
  - e. Savage River mainstem above Savage River Reservoir from Poplar Lick Run upstream to Merrill Bridge at Westernport Road.

## Trout Fishing Areas

### *Limited to Fishing by Persons Under Sixteen Years of Age, Sixty-Five Years Old or Older and Blind Persons*

1. Special provisions in effect on these areas:
  - a. Fishing in these areas is limited to persons under 16 years old, persons 65 years old and older and blind persons.
  - b. All regulations which apply to Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas, shall apply to these special trout management areas.
2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:
  - a. Jones Falls, Baltimore County. That portion of Jones Falls and tributaries above Stevenson Road to their source.
  - b. Laurel Run (Moscow) Allegany County.
  - c. Avalon Pond, Baltimore County.
  - d. Pangborn Pond, Washington County.
  - e. Rising Sun Pond, Cecil County. Restrictions for 16, 65, Blind in effect from March 1 through May 15. On May 16, the area returns to limited harvest with no age restriction.
  - f. Lion's Park Pond, (Frostburg) Allegany County.

## Youth and Blind Fishing Areas

1. The following special regulations are in effect on these areas:
  - a. Fishing in these areas is limited to persons under 16 years old and blind persons.
  - b. Regulations which apply to Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas shall apply to these areas.
2. Areas subject to provisions of this section:
  - a. Carroll Creek, Frederick County, from a red post located 300 yards upstream of Baughmans Lane, downstream to the dam at College Avenue.
  - b. George's Creek, Allegany County, from upper extent of Town Park in Westernport downstream approximately one mile to Washington Street Bridge near confluence of George's Creek with North Branch Potomac River.
  - c. Glades Park Pond, Garrett County, on Liberty Street in Oakland.
  - d. Little Tonoloway Creek within Weidmeyer Park in Hancock.
  - e. Little Antietam Creek, Washington County, at Keedysville, from Coffman Farms Road downstream to Route 34.

## Put-and-Take/Catch-and-Return Trout Fishing Area

1. Special requirements in effect for these areas:
  - a. From March 1 through May 31 the daily creel limit and possession limit is 5 trout, all species in aggregate. During this period no special bait, lure, or tackle restrictions are in effect. The stream is subject to 1 and 4 Put-and-Take stream closure dates.
  - b. From June 1 through the last day of February, a person may not keep or have any trout in possession while fishing in these areas. Except for artificial lures, a person may not possess or use any natural bait, bait fish, fish bait, scents, or natural or synthetic devices capable of catching fish.
2. The area subject to the provisions of this section is:
  - a. Owens Creek, Frederick County. Mainstem from Raven Rock Road downstream to Roddy Road.

## Special Bass Management Areas

### *Trophy Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass Fishing Areas*

1. The following special regulations are in effect on these areas during the open season for largemouth and smallmouth bass:

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- a. A person may possess 5 bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass in aggregate) per day while fishing in these areas.
  - b. A person may not possess any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass from 11 inches up to, but not including 15 inches total length while fishing in these areas.
  - c. A person may possess one largemouth or smallmouth bass per day, 15 inches or over, as part of the 5 bass per day limit, in these areas.
2. The areas subject to these provisions are:
    - a. Blair Valley Lake, Washington County.
    - b. Centennial Lake, Howard County.
    - c. All ponds located within the Chesapeake Ranch Estates, Calvert County.
    - d. Johnson Pond, Wicomico County.
    - e. Leonard Mill Pond, Wicomico County.
    - f. Little Seneca Lake, Montgomery County.
    - g. All ponds located within the Patuxent Naval Air Test Center, St. Mary's County.
    - h. St. Mary's Lake, Route 5, St. Mary's County.

## Catch-and-Return Bass Fishing Areas

1. Special provisions in effect for Catch-and-Return bass areas are that a person:
  - a. who catches a largemouth or smallmouth bass shall immediately release that bass in the water where it was caught.
  - b. may not possess largemouth or smallmouth bass while on the water within the designated Catch-and-Return areas.
2. The areas subject to these provisions are:
  - a. Potomac River from Dam No. 2 (Seneca Breaks) upstream to the mouth of the Monocacy River;
  - b. Monocacy River from the Potomac River upstream to Buckeystown Dam.

## Leave No Trace Fisherman Outdoor Ethics

Take your trash and that of others with you.

Pack it in – Pack it out.

Do not dispose of unused bait on or near the water and clean your fish at home. Be considerate of others and their outdoor experience. Avoid impacting stream banks and lake sides. Know your local and state fishing regulations.



- c. North Branch Potomac River, from the spillway in Cumberland upstream approximately 25 miles to Route 220 bridge at Keyser, West Virginia.
- d. Patapsco River from Interstate 70 downstream to Route 144 (Frederick Road).
- e. Wheatley Lake, Charles County.

## Maximum Size Bass Fishing Area

1. Special requirements in effect in this area:
  - a. A person may possess five bass under 12 inches in total length (largemouth and smallmouth in aggregate) per day while fishing in this area.
  - b. All bass 12 inches in total length and longer shall be returned immediately to the water.
2. The areas subject to these provisions are:
  - a. Potomac River from Dam No. 3 to Dam 4.

## Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass Tidal Regulations

1. The following provisions shall apply to the tidal waters of Maryland.
  - a. An individual may not catch largemouth or smallmouth bass in any manner in the tidal waters of Maryland except with rod or hook and line using natural or artificial baits.
  - b. An individual shall immediately return unharmed to the water any largemouth or smallmouth bass caught in a net, seine or other devices while engaged in fishing.
  - c. An individual may not sell, offer to buy or sell, expose for sale, or purchase any largemouth or smallmouth bass.
  - d. An individual may not possess any largemouth or smallmouth bass while fishing on the Pocomoke River and its tributaries from July 15 through August 31.
  - e. *Minimum Size:* March 1 through June 15 – 15 inches and from June 16 through the end of February – 12 inches.  
*Creel Limit:* 5 per day, year round.

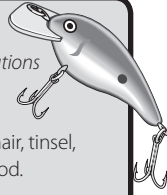
## Special Management – All Species

### Limited Harvest Fishing Areas

1. The following special requirements are in effect in these areas:
  - a. A person may possess not more than 10 fish, only one of which can be a largemouth bass, while fishing in these areas.
  - b. If these areas are also on the put-and-take trout

## Definitions

The following definitions are included as a guide to the angler in interpreting freshwater fishing regulations contained in this booklet. They are not necessarily all inclusive, but are intended to assist the angler.



**Artificial Fly** – A lure constructed by winding natural or synthetic material such as feathers, fur, hair, tinsel, thread, plastic, cork, or rubber on or about the hook, and designed to be cast by means of a fly rod.

**Artificial Lure** – Following is a partial list of items considered artificial lures: spinners, spoons, plugs and molded facsimiles of worms, insects and fish. For the purposes of these regulations, artificial flies and streamers are considered to be artificial lures.

**Bait** – Any item that emits an odor or scent such as worms, minnows, crayfish, insects, doughballs, corn, cheese, bread, meat and marshmallows. The addition of any scent to an artificial lure or fly to make it smell like bait, makes it bait.

fishing list, up to 5 fish of the 10 fish limit may be trout species.

- c. A person may possess one largemouth bass per day not to exceed 15 inches maximum size while fishing in these areas.
2. The areas subject to these provisions are:
  - a. Allens Pond, Prince George's County.
  - b. Bowie Town Center Pond, Prince George's County.
  - c. Cosca Lake, Prince George's County.
  - d. Farm Museum Pond, Carroll County.
  - e. Greenbelt Lake, Prince George's County.
  - f. Hughesville Pond, Charles County.
  - g. Hutchins Pond, Calvert County.
  - h. Lake Artemesia, Prince George's County.
  - i. All ponds located within the Merkle Wildlife Management areas, Prince George's County.
  - j. Milltown Landing Pond, Prince George's County.
  - k. Myrtle Grove Pond, Charles County.
  - l. Pemberton Pond, Wicomico County.
  - m. Rising Sun Pond, Cecil County.
  - n. Roberts Field Pond, Carroll County.
  - o. Taneytown Rod & Gun Club Pond, Carroll County.
  - p. Tucker Pond, Prince George's County.
  - q. Westminster Community Pond, Carroll County.
  - r. South Germantown Park Pond, Montgomery County, in South Germantown Park off Schaeffer Road.

these areas. All fish caught shall be released and returned to the water.

2. The areas subject to these provisions are:
  - a. Lake Hashawha, Carroll County.
  - b. Upper John Owings Pond, Carroll County.
  - c. Waterworks Park, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County.
  - d. Governor's Bridge Natural Area Pond (old Izaak Walton Pond), off Governor Bridge Road, Prince George's County.

## Yellow Perch Regulations

1. Yellow Perch cannot be harvested from the following nontidal or tidal rivers and/or watersheds:
  - a. Magothy River
  - b. Nanticoke River
  - c. Patapsco River
  - d. Severn River
  - e. South River
  - f. West River
2. Creel Limit – 5 in possession per person per day from the waters of the State.
3. Tidal and Nontidal Minimum Size: – 9 inches  
NOTE: There is no minimum size or creel limits for yellow perch caught in reservoirs, lakes, ponds or freshwater impoundments.

## Nontidal Striped Bass

Striped bass and hybrid striped bass in nontidal waters may be taken only from Liberty Reservoir, Piney Run Reservoir, Triadelphia Reservoir, Conowingo Reservoir and Rocky Gorge Reservoir

Open Season: No closed season

Minimum Size: 18 inches

Creel Limit: 2 striped bass/striped bass hybrid per day, only one of which may be over 30 inches.

## Impoundments Limited to Catch-and-Return Fishing

1. The following provisions shall apply to these areas:
  - a. A person may not possess any fish caught from these areas or have any fish in possession in

2006–2007 Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas

Put-and Take Trout Fishing Areas are closed to all fishing from 10:00 p.m. of the first date, to 5:30 a.m. of the second date, during each of the closure periods listed in the following schedule.

Closure Schedule

2006	2007
0 – No Closure	0 – No Closure
1 – March 5 to March 25	1 – March 11 to March 31
2 – March 19 to March 25	2 – March 25 to March 31
3 – April 9 to April 15	3 – April 15 to April 21
4 – April 16 to April 22	4 – April 22 to April 28

Fishing Hours

From 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except as provided for by special regulation or where more restrictive fishing hours are posted.

Creel Limit

(all species of trout in aggregate) – 5 daily /5 in possession

Minimum Size

(all species of trout) – No minimum size restriction

The following areas are subject to these regulations:

ALLEGANY COUNTY

Battie Mixon Ponds .....	0
Cotton Cove Pond in Lion's Park Glendenning Recreational Complex at Frostburg .....	2
Dans Mountain Pond .....	0
Evitts Creek – mainstem upstream of Interstate Route 68 .....	1, 3
Evitts Creek Ponds.....	0
Fifteen Mile Creek Watershed .....	1, 4
Flintstone Creek Watershed.....	1, 3
Georges Creek – mainstem from the upper extent of Town Park in Westport upstream to Neff Run .....	1, 3
Jennings Run – mainstem downstream of the confluence of North Jennings Run .....	2, 3
Lake Habeeb (Rocky Gap Lake) .....	0
North Jennings Run Watershed .....	1, 3
Orchard Pond.....	0
White Sulfur Pond.....	0
Wills Creek – mainstem upstream of the confluence of Braddock Run .....	1, 3

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Lake Waterford .....	0
Severn Run – mainstem upstream of Route 3 ...	1, 4

BALTIMORE COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY

Gunpowder Falls – mainstem from a red post located 1.6 miles downstream of Corbett Road downstream to the hiker/biker bridge located approximately one mile downstream of Phoenix

Road; and from Cromwell Bridge downstream to the Interstate Route 95 bridge.....	1, 4
Gwynn Oak Park Pond .....	0
Gwynnbrook Pond .....	2
Gwynns Falls – mainstem below Route 140 .....	0
Herring Run – mainstem .....	0
Jones Falls – mainstem below Lake Roland .....	0
Liberty Reservoir .....	0
Little Falls – mainstem from Wiseburg Road upstream to Valley Mill Road.....	1, 4
Little Gunpowder Falls – mainstem from Jericho Road upstream to Route 165 .....	1, 4
Patapsco River – mainstem from the B&O Viaduct upstream to Blodes Dam.....	1, 3
Prettyboy Reservoir.....	0
Stansbury Park Pond.....	0

CALVERT AND CHARLES COUNTIES

Calvert Cliffs Pond .....	0
Hughesville Pond.....	0
Hutchins Pond .....	0
Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management area - all ponds .....	0
Wheatley Lake.....	0

CAROLINE AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES

Tuckahoe Creek and impoundments above abandoned stone railroad bridge upstream of Route 404 .....	0
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CARROLL COUNTY

Beaver Run – upstream of Route 91 .....	1, 3
Farm Museum Pond .....	2
Liberty Reservoir .....	0
South Branch Patapsco River – mainstem from West Friendship Road (Howard County side) and Main Street (Carroll County side) at Sykesville downstream to its confluence with the North Branch Patapsco River .....	1, 3
Piney Run – mainstem downstream from Arrington Road .....	1, 3
Piney Run Reservoir .....	0
Taneytown Rod and Gun Pond .....	0
Westminster Pond .....	2

CECIL COUNTY

Big Elk Creek – mainstem from the bridge at Route 277 upstream to the Pennsylvania State Line ...	1, 4
Howards Pond.....	0
Principio Creek – mainstem upstream of Route 7 ....	1, 4



## FREDERICK COUNTY

Cunningham Falls Lake .....	2
Fishing Creek – left fork (also known as Steep Creek) above the confluence with Little Fishing Creek upstream of Fishing Creek Reservoir .....	1, 4
Frank Bentz Pond .....	2
Friends Creek Watershed .....	1, 4
Hamburg Pond .....	2
Middle Creek – mainstem from the Route 17 bridge near the junction of Bittle Road upstream to the confluence of Spruce Run .....	1, 4
Middletown Pond .....	0
Owens Creek – mainstem from Raven Rock Road downstream to Roddy Road (see page 27) .....	1, 4
Rainbow Lake .....	2
Urbana Lake .....	0
Whiskey Springs Pond .....	2
Whittier Lake .....	0
Woodsboro Community Pond .....	0

## GARRETT COUNTY

Accident Pond .....	1, 4
Bear Creek – mainstem .....	1, 3
Broadford Lake .....	0
Deep Creek Lake .....	0
Herrington Creek – mainstem .....	1, 4
Herrington Lake .....	0
Jennings Randolph Lake .....	0
Little Youghiogheny River – mainstem from Route 219 downstream to the Youghiogheny River .....	1, 4
Mill Run – mainstem downstream of Frazee Rd ....	1, 4
Muddy Creek – mainstem .....	1, 4
New Germany Lake .....	1
North Branch Potomac River mainstem – from Jennings Randolph Lake upstream approximately 6 miles to the lower boundary of the Potomac State Forest; from the uppermost boundary of Potomac State Forest at Wallman upstream approximately 8.5 miles to the bridge at Old Wilson Road; from a red post located approximately 100 yards above the upstream concrete abutments at Barnum, West Virginia downstream to a red post located below a pool known as Blue Hole, approximately 1/3 mile upstream of Bench Mark 1110 on the Westernport U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, and from Piney Swamp Run downstream to the upper Potomac River Commission Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge in Westernport .....	0
Piney Reservoir .....	0
Sand Run Watershed .....	0
Savage Reservoir .....	0
Savage River – mainstem from Savage Reservoir	

upstream to Poplar Lick .....	1, 3
Snowy Creek mainstem .....	0
Youghiogheny River – mainstem upstream of the junction of Muddy Creek and from the bridge at Interstate 68 downstream 2 miles to red posts ....	0

## HARFORD COUNTY

Deer Creek – mainstem from 1 mile south of Rocks State Park upstream to the bridge at Route 23 ....	1, 3
Forest Hill Pond .....	2
Little Gunpowder Falls – mainstem from Jericho Road upstream to Route 165 .....	1, 4

## HOWARD COUNTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Allen's Pond .....	0
Centennial Lake .....	0
Cosca Lake .....	0
Elkhorn Lake .....	0
Great Seneca Creek – from Route 28 upstream to Route 355 .....	1, 3
Greenbelt Lake .....	0
Izaak Walton Pond .....	2
Lake Artemesia .....	0
Lake Needwood .....	0
Laurel Lakes .....	0
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Pond .....	2
Melwood Pond .....	0
Northwest Branch Watershed – upstream of Route 410 to Norwood Road .....	2
Patuxent River – mainstem from base of Rocky Gorge Reservoir Dam in Laurel downstream to the B&O Railroad crossing .....	1, 3
Pine Lake .....	2
Schoolhouse Pond .....	0
South Branch Patapsco River – mainstem from West Friendship Road (Howard County side) and Main Street (Carroll County side) at Sykesville downstream to its confluence with the North Branch Patapsco River .....	1, 3
South Germantown Park Pond – in South Germantown Park off Schaeffer Road .....	0
Tucker Pond .....	0

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

Antietam Creek – mainstem from upstream boundary of Devil's Backbone Park to the mouth of Beaver Creek .....	0
Beaver Creek – from the downstream side of the bridges on the farm lane located below the Albert Powell Trout Hatchery fence downstream to Black Rock Creek, and from Beaver Creek Road downstream to the confluence with Antietam Creek. ....	1, 3

# Freshwater Sport Fishing

Big Pool .....	2
Blairs Valley Lake .....	2
Greenbriar Lake .....	2
Indian Springs Pond .....	2
Israel Creek .....	0
Licking Creek Mainstem .....	1, 3
Sharpsburg Community Pond.....	0
Sideling Hill Creek Watershed. ....	1, 4

**WICOMICO COUNTY**

Beaverdam Creek - in Salisbury from Schumaker Dam downstream to the bridge crossing at Memorial Plaza Road .....	0
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**WORCESTER COUNTY**

Shad Landing Pond .....	0
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## Dividing Lines

### *Tidal and Nontidal Waters*

The following are boundaries designated as official dividing lines for tidal and nontidal waters. These boundary lines are for the purpose of delineating those areas in which nontidal fishing licenses or Chesapeake Bay Sport fishing licenses are required and tidal or nontidal fishing regulations apply, and have no other legal significance.

**HARFORD COUNTY**

Bynum Run – Old Philadelphia Road Bridge on Maryland Route 7	
Deer Creek – railroad bridge located at the mouth of Deer Creek	
James Run – Old Philadelphia Road Bridge on Maryland Route 7	
Winter's Run – dam located one half mile south of Maryland Route 7, the Old Philadelphia Road.	

**BALTIMORE COUNTY**

Big Gunpowder Falls – three-fourths of a mile south of Maryland Route 7, the Old Philadelphia Road at the B&O Railroad Bridge	
Little Gunpowder Falls – three-fourths of a mile south of Maryland Route 7, the Old Philadelphia Road at the B&O Railroad Bridge	
Stemmers Run – Golden Ring Road Bridge	

**BALTIMORE AND HOWARD COUNTIES**

Patapsco River – B&O viaduct at Relay	
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**ANNE ARUNDEL AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES**

Anacostia River – Northeast Branch Bridge at northbound lane of Alternate Route 1 Bladensburg Road, Northwest Branch Bridge at southbound lane of Rhode Island Avenue	
Furnace Branch – Maryland Route 2	
Patuxent River	
Mainstem: bridge on Maryland Route 214	

Lyons Creek: Maryland Route 4	
Stocketts Run: confluence with the river	
Rock Run: confluence with the river	
Ferry Branch: confluence with the river	
Magothy River – Catherine Avenue	
Marly Creek – Maryland Route 10	
Severn River – bridge on Maryland Route 3	
South River and its tributaries –	
North River: Rutland Road	
Bacon Ridge Branch: Chesterfield Road	
Beards Creek: Maryland Route 214	
Broad Creek: Harry S. Truman Parkway	

**CHARLES, MONTGOMERY AND**

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES**

Henson Run – bridge on Old Broad Creek Road	
Hoghole Run – Maryland Route 6	
Mattawoman Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 225	
Nanjemoy Creek	
Mainstem: Maryland Route 6	
Mill Run (Burgess Creek): Maryland Route 6	
Hill Top Fork: Maryland Route 6	
Wards Run: Maryland Route 6	
Oxen Creek (Run) – Maryland Route 210	
Patuxent River	
Swanson Creek: Maryland Route 381	
Mataponi Creek: St. Thomas Church Road	
Spice Creek: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road	
Full Mill Branch: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road	
Black Swamp Creek: Maryland Route 382, Croom Road	
Piscataway Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 224 (Livingston Road)	
Pomonkey Creek – Fenwick Road	
Port Tobacco Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 6	
Potomac River – Little Falls at man-made dam	
Western Branch – bridge on Maryland Route 4	
Wicomico River – Allens Fresh, bridge on Maryland Route 234	

**KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES**

Chester River – 500 yards upstream from the Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge at Millington at the point where the Cypress Branch empties into the Chester River	
Herring Branch – Maryland Route 299	
Morgan Creek – Wallis Road	
Red Lion Branch – at its confluence with the Chester River	
Sassafras River – Maryland Route 299	
Unicorn Branch – U.S. Geological Survey weir just east of Maryland Route 313	
Wye East River - Wye Mills Lake Dam	

## CAROLINE COUNTY

- Chapel Branch – Maryland Route 313 near Piney Grove Church
- Choptank River – bypass on Maryland Route 313 on the outskirts of Greensboro
- Fowling Creek – wooden bridge on Stratum Road about one mile below Maryland Route 16
- Hunting Creek – Maryland Route 331
- Marshy Hope Creek – at its confluence with Faulkner Branch
- Mill Creek – Maryland Route 16
- Tuckahoe Creek – abandoned stone railroad bridge upstream of Maryland Route 404
- Watt's Creek – bridge on American Legion Road

## WICOMICO AND WORCESTER COUNTIES

- Beaverdam Creek – dam just upstream of U.S. Route 13 (Business)
- Nassawango Creek – Furnace Road
- Pocomoke River – bridge on Whiton Crossing, three miles south of Powellville
- Wicomico River – at Isabella Street in Salisbury

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY

- Buds Creek – Maryland Route 234
- Chaptico Run – Chaptico Bridge on Maryland Route 234
- Dynard Run – Maryland Route 242
- Eastern Branch – Maryland Route 5
- Gilbert Swamp Run – Maryland Route 234
- Great Mills Run – bridge on Maryland Route 5
- McIntosh Run – Maryland Route 5
- Park Hall Run – Maryland Route 5
- St. Clements Creek – Maryland Route 234 bridge at town of Clements
- Tomakokin Creek – Maryland Route 470
- Town Run – bridge on Maryland Route 5

## CALVERT COUNTY

- Battle Creek – bridge about two miles east of Bowens (Sixes Road)
- Fishing Creek – one and one-half miles upstream from the mouth of the creek at Chesapeake Beach
- Hall's Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 4
- Helen Creek – Mill Branch Road, near Solomons
- Hunting Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 263 about 100 yards west of Maryland Route 4
- Island Creek – Ross Road, near Brooms Island
- Lyon's Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 4
- Mills Creek – Maryland Route 760
- Parker's Creek – Maryland Route 765
- Plum Point Creek – bridge on Maryland Route 263
- Quaker Swamp – Maryland Routes 2/4
- St. Johns Creek – Maryland Route 4

St. Leonard's Creek – Parran Road

## SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

Conowingo Dam – at U.S. Route 1

## Cecil County

- Big Elk Creek – Maryland Route 213
- Bohemia River – Telegraph Road
- Happy Valley Branch – confluence with Susquehanna River
- Little Elk Creek – U.S. Route 40
- Mill Creek – Old Elk Neck Road
- North East River – Maryland Route 7
- Octoraro Creek – bridge on U.S. Route 222
- Principio Creek – Amtrack crossing below Maryland Route 7
- Rock Run – confluence with the Susquehanna River
- Dorchester County
- Chicamocomico River – U.S. Route 50
- Transquaking River – dam at Higgins Mill Pond

## MARYLAND – PENNSYLVANIA DIVIDING LINE

- Cecil County – Railroad Tunnel White Marker
- Harford County – Michaels Run

## Lakes And Ponds Open To Public Fishing

### Boats on Ponds and Lakes

The use of boats and/or motors on ponds and lakes is subject to local restrictions. Consult with local authorities before making your trip. Refer to the spring stocking schedule to determine which impoundments are stocked with trout. Contact Freshwater Fisheries Division for a detailed guide listing Maryland piers and ramps locations.

✧ Designates locations with boat ramp facilities.

*Name of Property ..... Acreage*

### ALLEGANY COUNTY

- Battie Mixon Fishing Hole – Maryland Route 51; at Oldtown ..... 33
- Cotton Cove Pond - Lion's Park Glendenng Recreational Complex in Frostburg..... 1
- Dan's Mountain Pond – Maryland Route 36; two miles east of Lonaconing ..... 1
- Evitts Creek Community Ponds – I-68, Exit 46; four miles east of Cumberland ..... 4
- Lions Park Pond - Frostbourg ..... 1
- Orchard Pond – Maryland Route 51; Green Ridge State Forest ..... 2
- ✧ Rocky Gap Lake (Lake Habeeb) – I-68, Exit 50; five miles northwest of Flintstone ..... 243
- White Sulphur Community Pond – I-68, Exit 62; Green Ridge State Forest, 12 miles east of Flintstone ..... 1

# Freshwater Sport Fishing

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Friendship Park Pond – Route 778, Friendship1	
Friendship Pond – Maryland Route 170 .....	1
Lake Waterford – Route 648 near Severna Park .....	11
Patuxent Ponds – Patuxent Road near Conoways ...	3.2
Waterworks Park – by permit only .....	1.5

## BALTIMORE COUNTY

Avalon Pond – within Patapsco Valley State Park, Glen Artney Area (entrance on South Street off Maryland Route 1) .....	1
Gwynbrook Community Pond – off U.S. Route 140; near Owings Mills .....	1.3
Hillcrest Pond – Maryland Route 144 at Lansdowne ..	4
☞ Lake Roland – Maryland Route 139; Baltimore ....	98.2
☞ Liberty Reservoir – Maryland Route 26 near Ward's Chapel .....	3100
☞ Loch Raven Reservoir – Maryland Route 146; Dulaney Valley Road .....	2400
☞ Prettyboy Reservoir – off Maryland Route 25 and U.S. Route 111, Beckleysville Road .....	1500
Calvert County	
Calvert Cliffs Park Pond – Route 4, near Lusby .....	1
Hutchins Pond – off Mt. Harmony Road, off Route 2, near Sunderland .	2.3

## CAROLINE COUNTY

Chambers Lake – Maryland Route 306 in Federalsburg .....	6
☞ Smithville Lake – U.S. Route 404 east to Noble Road .....	40

## CARROLL COUNTY

Bennett Cerf Pond – off Maryland Route 27 within Random House Industrial Park .....	1
Farm Museum Pond – west of Maryland Route 32; near Westminster .....	4.7
Lake Hashawha – off Rinehart Road .....	1
Liberty Reservoir – Route 26 near Wards Chapel 3,100	
North Carroll Community Pond – Maryland Route 30 at Manchester .....	1.2
☞ Piney Run Reservoir – Maryland Route 32 near Eldersburg .....	300
Taneytown Rod & Gun Club – east of Taneytown, north of Route 140 .....	2
Upper John Owings – John Owings Road .....	0.5
Westminster Community Pond – U.S. Route 140 at Westminster .....	1.3

## CECIL COUNTY

☞ Conowingo Reservoir – U.S. Route 1 at Conowingo .....	4000
Elkton Community Pond – Maryland Route 281 east of Maryland Route 213. ....	1.3
Rising Sun Community Pond – Maryland	

Route 273 in Rising Sun .....	1
☞ Stemmers Lake – Stemmers Run Road at Maryland Route 282 – (telephone 410-836-4557 for permission) .....	90

## CHARLES COUNTY

☞ Gilbert Run Park (Wheatley Lake) – Maryland Route 6; east of Olivers Shop .....	75
Hughesville Community Pond – Maryland Route 5 at Hughesville .....	1
☞ Myrtle Grove Lake – Maryland Route 225 near Ripley .....	23

## DORCHESTER COUNTY

Galestown Lake – Galestown Road east of Maryland Route 313 .....	15
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## FREDERICK COUNTY

Brunswick Community Pond – U.S. Route 79 at Brunswick .....	1
☞ Cunningham Falls Lake – Maryland Route 77 west of Thurmont .....	42
Emmitsburg Reservoir (Rainbow Lake) – Hampton Valley Road; near Emmitsburg .....	8
Frank Bentz Memorial Pond – Maryland Route 77 west of Thurmont .....	2
Gambrill's Community Pond – U.S. Route 40 near Frederick .....	1
Libertytown Community Pond – Maryland Route 75 at Libertytown .....	1
Urbana Community Pond – Dixon Road off Route 80 at Urbana .....	5

## GARRETT COUNTY

Accident Community Pond – U.S. Route 219; Accident .....	1
☞ Broadford Lake – Maryland Route 135 at Mt. Lake Park .....	230
☞ Deep Creek Lake – U.S. Route 219, McHenry ....	3900
☞ Herrington Manor Lake – U.S. Route 219; five miles north of Oakland .....	44
☞ New Germany Lake – I-68, Exit 22; six miles south of Grantsville .....	10
Piney Reservoir – U.S. Route 40 Alt.; north on Piney Run Road; east of Grantsville .....	18
Pleasant Valley Lake – Maryland Route 495; twelve miles south of Grantsville .....	18
☞ Jennings Randolph Lake – Maryland Route 135; south on Mt. Zion Road; five miles from Kitzmiller on West Virginia Route 46 .....	952
☞ Savage Reservoir – Maryland Route 135 on Savage River Road .....	350
☞ Youghiogheny Reservoir – Maryland Route 42; two miles north of Friendsville .....	800

## HARFORD COUNTY

Bynum Run Community Pond – Maryland Route 22 at Bel Air .....	1.1
☿ Conowingo Reservoir .....	4000
Churchville Community Pond – Maryland Route 155 at Glenville Road .....	1.5
Dublin Dell Community Pond – Maryland Route 136 in Dublin .....	1
Forest Branch Park – Joppatowne, Foster Branch Road .....	1
Forest Hill Community Pond – Maryland Route 23 at Forest Hill .....	1.3

## HOWARD COUNTY

☿ Centennial Lake – Columbia .....	50
Lake Elkhorn – Columbia .....	37
Guilford Park Pond – Maryland Route 32 off Interstate 95 .....	0.5
Lake Kittamaqundi – Columbia .....	31
Wilde Lake – Columbia .....	22

## KENT COUNTY

Millington Wildlife Management Ponds (4) – Massey Delaware Line Road, east of Massey telephone 410-928-3650 for permission .....	3.7
☿ Urieville Community Lake – Maryland Route 213 north of Chestertown .....	35

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

☿ Clopper Lake – within Seneca State Park .....	90
☿ Duckett Reservoir – Maryland Route 198	

and U.S. Route 29; Burtonsville .....	800
Kings Community Pond – U.S. Route 355 and Maryland Route 121; Clarksburg .....	1
Lake Frank – Maryland Route 115 near Norbeck ....	54
Lake Needwood – Maryland Route 115 near Norbeck .....	74
☿ Little Seneca Lake – near Boyds 505 Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Pond .....	5
Pine Lake – Maryland Route 97 near Wheaton. ....	5
☿ Triadelphia Reservoir – off Maryland Route 650 near Brighton .....	800

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Allens Pond – Maryland Route 197 near Bowie .....	10
Bowie Town Center Pond – off Mitchellville Road, Bowie .....	8
Cedarville Pond – off Cedarville Road in Cedarville State Forest .....	4
Cosca Lake – Thrift Road south of Clinton .....	11
Duck Pond – U.S. Route 193 and Adelphi Road in University Hills Park .....	1
Greenbelt Lake – off Crescent Road in Greenbelt Park .....	21
Lake Artemesia – Branchville Road, Berwyn Heights .....	38
Laurel Lake – Route 1 and Cherry Lane, Laurel .....	11
Melwood Community Pond – Maryland Route 223, Woodyard Road between Maryland Routes 4 and 5. ....	1.3

# Hellbender

## Please Do Not Kill – Help Save One Of Maryland's Endangered Species

**T**he hellbender is a large, dark aquatic salamander that lives for more than 30 years and may grow to over two feet long. Hellbenders do not have a poisonous bite, but are difficult to handle because they are covered with a coating of protective slime. To release a hellbender, cut the line as close to the hook as possible. If you have seen or caught a hellbender we would like to hear from you.

*Please telephone Heritage and Biodiversity Conservation Programs at 410-260-8540.*



# Freshwater Sport Fishing

Merkle Ponds – Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary,  
off Fenno Road.....2

Milltown Landing Pond – Patuxent River Park,  
off Milltown Landing Road .....1

Schoolhouse Pond – across from County  
Administration Building in Upper Marlboro .....4

Tucker Pond – Tucker Road near Oxon Hill. .... 1.4

**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY**

☞ Unicorn Lake – Maryland Route 313 south  
of Millington ..... 45

☞ Wye Mills Community Lake – Maryland Route 662  
south of U.S. Route 50 ..... 50

**ST. MARY’S COUNTY**

☞ St. Mary’s Lake – Maryland Route 5, Calloway ..... 250

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Big Pool – I-70, exit 12; Maryland Route 56;  
east of Fort Frederick State Park..... 88

Blairs Valley Lake – Blairs Valley Road north  
from Clearspring ..... 35

☞ Brownsville Community Pond –  
Maryland Route 67 at Brownsville ..... 1.2

☞ Greenbrier Lake – Greenbrier State Park,  
U.S. Route 40 near Hagerstown..... 42

Indian Springs Community Pond – Maryland Route  
56; eight miles west of Clearspring ..... 1.3

Little Pool – off Maryland Route 615;  
east of Hancock..... 18

**WICOMICO COUNTY**

☞ Johnsons Lake – Isabella Street at U.S. Route 50 to  
Lake Street ..... 108

Leonards Mill Lake – U.S Route 13  
north of Salisbury..... 30

Powellville Pond – Maryland Route 354  
in Powellville .....4

Shumaker Lake – Maryland Route 12 in Salisbury... 35

**WORCESTER COUNTY**

Big Mills Lake – Big Mills Road west of  
Maryland Route 12..... 10

Moore’s Pond – U.S. Route 13 near  
Pocomoke City.....2

## Information, Permits, Bait Restriction and River Flow Information

### Anne Arundel County

Waterwork Park – fishing by permit only  
(410) 263-7959

### Baltimore City Reservoirs

For Prettyboy and Liberty (boat permits required)  
information, rules, and regulations, call Watershed  
Control Division (410) 795-6150. Loch Raven  
Fishing Center (410) 887-7692.

### Washington Suburban

### Sanitary Commission Lakes

Triadelphia and Rocky Gorge fishing by permit only.  
For permits, rules and regulations call Brighton,  
Maryland (301) 774-9124.

### River Flow Information

1. North Branch Potomac and Savage River Flows  
410-962-7687 or email:  
webmaster@nab02.nab-wc.usace.army.mil
2. Potomac River Flows at Hagerstown 301-223-  
6377
3. U.S. Geological Survey Flow Information on the  
internet at md.usgs.gov
4. Yougiogheny River white water release schedule  
315-413-2823 or email: www.deepcreekhydro.com

# Potomac River

## Regulations And Safety Tips

**A** person aboard a vessel, raft or tube shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard Approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while underway on the upper Potomac River, during the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. each November 15, and ending at 12 midnight each succeeding May 15.

1. ALWAYS – wear an approved personal flotation device while using the Potomac.
2. Leave a float plan with someone at home describing where you are going, who you’re with and when you expect to return.
3. REMEMBER – the river currents are strong and unpredictable, especially after heavy rains.
4. Wading should NOT be attempted when the river levels exceed the normal level.
5. Know the weather predictions for the area. Keep an AM radio handy for the latest updates.





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# Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing

## Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing Licenses For 2006-2007

Resident .....	\$9.00
Non-Resident .....	\$14.00
Consolidated Senior Resident	
Sport Fishing License .....	\$5.00

Persons at least 65 years old may fish:

1. In nontidal waters of the state.
2. For trout in nontidal waters.
3. In the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

### Resident or Non-Resident

Blind Persons ..... NO FEE

Short Term License ..... \$6.00

Valid for 5 consecutive days from date issued.

## Consolidated Bay Sport Boat License

For a resident or non-resident boat, that is not for hire, to fish and crab the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries .....\$40.00

1. Persons fishing aboard licensed boats do not need a license.
2. A complimentary Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License is issued to the boat owner who purchases this license.

## Reciprocal Licenses

The Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will honor a valid recreational fishing license issued by any of these jurisdictions for use in their tidal waters or tidal saltwaters:

- Chesapeake Bay – any portion of the Chesapeake Bay, or any of the saltwater/tidal tributaries.
- Potomac River – any portion of the mainstem of the Potomac River downstream of the I-95 Woodrow Wilson Bridge including saltwater/tidal tributaries of Maryland and Virginia.

Recreational fishermen entering the waters of each jurisdiction are subject to all laws and regulations of that jurisdiction.

## A Person May Fish for Finfish without a License in the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries if you

1. are less than 16 years of age.
2. possess a valid commercial Tidal Fish License.
3. fish from private property as an owner, family member

- of an owner, or a non-paying guest of an owner.
4. fish a hook and line (rod and reel) from a public bridge or pier which has been designated by the Department as a free fishing area.
5. are a resident or non-resident fishing from a licensed charter boat.
6. are a resident of Maryland, on active duty with the Armed Forces, on leave with official leave orders.
7. fish on a free fishing day designated by the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

## It Shall Be Lawful

1. between June 15 and December 31 of each year, for an individual to take or shoot fish, within specific seasons and limits established by the Department, with a spear gun and spear.
2. to take or shoot carp, garfish, skate, bull fish, shark, oyster toads, or swelling toads (blowfish), American eel, sea lamprey, stingrays or other ray fish with a spear gun or spear at any time.
3. to use a seine up to 50 feet in length and 5 feet wide to obtain bait minnows.
4. to use a cast net in Chesapeake Bay and tributaries where nets are permitted.
5. to keep any size white perch if caught by hook and line.
6. to use an “umbrella rig” that has no more than 2 hooks or 2 sets of hooks

## It Shall Be Unlawful

1. to have in one’s possession aboard any boat on the tidal waters of Maryland any striped bass CUT UP or FILLETED during the open or closed season for striped bass. Striped bass must be landed whole.
2. to have in one’s possession aboard any boat on the tidal waters of Maryland more than 15 pounds of any fish CUT UP upon which a size or weight limit is prescribed by law or regulations.
3. to have in one’s possession American or hickory shad.
4. to use more than 2 hooks or 2 sets of hooks for each rod or line. Artificial lures or plugs with multiple hooks are considered 1 set of hooks.
5. for a person to use eel as bait during the spring recreational striped bass season.
6. to cull striped bass during open seasons.
7. to possess striped bass from 12 Midnight to 5 AM while fishing on the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.
8. to use a gaff to land striped bass.

9. to fish for striped bass by any means or practice catch-and-release of striped bass in designated spawning areas of rivers from March 1 through May 31.
10. to intentionally snag a fish.
11. to use a dip net in the Susquehanna River above the mouth of Deer Creek except to land a fish caught by hook and line.
12. to operate a boat within the area 400 yards below or 400 yards above the Conowingo Dam.

## Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass Regulations

1. An individual may not catch largemouth or smallmouth bass in any manner in the tidal waters of Maryland except with rod or hook and line using natural or artificial baits.
2. Any largemouth or smallmouth bass caught in a net or seine must be immediately returned unharmed to the water.
3. An individual may not sell, offer to buy or sell, expose for sale, or purchase any largemouth or smallmouth bass.
4. An individual may not possess any largemouth or smallmouth bass while fishing on the Pocomoke River and its tributaries from July 15 through August 31.

## Legal Size Of Certain Fish

*Creel, minimum size and seasons subject to change*

### CROAKER (HARDHEAD)

*Minimum Size:* 9"

*Creel Limit:* 25 per person per day

### BLUEFISH

*Minimum Size:* 8"

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

### CHAIN PICKEREL (PIKE)

*Minimum Size:* 14"

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

*Closed Season:* March 15 – April 30

### CHANNEL CATFISH (EXCEPT BULLHEADS)

*Minimum Size:* 10"

### LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS

*Minimum Size:* 12"

15" March 1 thru June 15

*Creel Limit:* 5 per person per day

*Open Year-Round*

*Note Above: Pocomoke River regulations for Large and Smallmouth Bass.*

### BLACK DRUM

*Minimum Size:* 16"

*Creel Limit:* 1 per person per day

*Daily Catch Limit:* 6 per boat

### SPOTTED SEATROUT

*Minimum Size:* 14"

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

### RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS)

*Minimum Size:* 18" – 27" minimum

*Creel Limit:* 1 per person per day

### WEAKFISH

*Minimum Size:* 13" minimum

*Creel Limit:* 8 per person per day

### WHITE PERCH

*Minimum Size:* None if caught with hook & line

### FLOUNDER

*Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries*

*Minimum Size:* 15"

*Creel Limit:* 2 per person per day

(subject to change)

### BLACK SEA BASS

*Minimum Size:* 12"

*Creel Limit:* 25 per person per day

*Closed Seasons:*

December 1 – December 31

### SPANISH MACKEREL

*Minimum Size:* 14"

*Creel Limit:* 15 per person per day

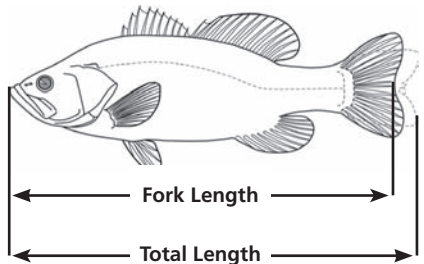
### YELLOW PERCH

*Minimum Size:* 9"

*Creel Limit:* 5 per person per day

*Closed Areas:*

Magothy, Nanticoke, Patapsco, Severn, South and West Rivers



*Fish with a minimum size requirement should be measured from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail or caudal fin as indicated above. Fish should be placed on a flat surface with a measuring device beneath its body to get an accurate measurement.*

# Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing

## 2006 Striped Bass Seasons

*Creel, minimum size and seasons subject to change*

### Susquehanna Flats Only

#### CATCH & RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 THRU WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

#### Fishing Location

Upstream of a line drawn from Sandy Point to Turkey Point and downstream from upstream of a line drawn from Sandy Point to Turkey Point and downstream from a line connecting Lapidum boat ramp to Twin Rocks to Tomes Wharf in Port Deposit. *(Circle hooks required when fishing with baited hooks with a gap larger than 1/2 inch.)*

### Spring Seasons

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 THRU MONDAY, MAY 15

#### Creel Limit And Size

One striped bass per person per day 33 inches minimum – no maximum.

#### Fishing Location

Chesapeake Bay from Brewerton Channel to the Maryland-Virginia Line. Excluding all bays, sounds, tributaries, creeks and rivers, except Tangier Sound and Pocomoke Sound.

TUESDAY, MAY 16 THRU WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

#### Creel Limit And Size

Two striped bass per person per day 18 inches to 28 inches total length OR 1 striped bass per person per day 18 inches to 28 inches and 1 striped bass larger than 28 inches.

#### Fishing Location

Chesapeake Bay downstream of a line drawn from the south corner of the Hart-Miller Island Dike to the end of Maryland Route 21 at Tolchester and south to the Maryland-Virginia Line. Excluding all bays, sounds, tributaries, creeks and rivers.

**EXCEPT:** Tangier Sound and Pocomoke Sound; Chester River and its tributaries downstream of a line drawn from Hail Point to Long Point to Ferry Point; Patuxent River and its tributaries downstream of a line drawn from Point Patience to the west point of land at the entrance of Little Kingston Creek; and Choptank River and its tributaries downstream of a line drawn from Holland Point to a point of land at the west entrance of Chapel Creek.

## Summer/Fall Seasons

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 THRU FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

#### Creel Limit And Size:

Two striped bass per person per day 18 inches to 28 inches total length OR one striped bass per person per day 18 inches to 28 inches and 1 striped bass larger than 28 inches.

#### Fishing Location

Maryland's Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries

## Chesapeake Bay Crab Facts

CRAB SEASON: APRIL 1 TO DECEMBER 15

#### MINIMUM SIZE:

##### MALE HARD CRAB

5 inches from April 1 to July 14  
5 1/4 inches from July 15 to December 15

##### PEELER CRAB

3 1/4 inches from April 1 to July 14  
3 1/2 inches from July 15 to December 15

##### SOFT CRAB

3 1/2 inches from April 1 to December 15

##### MATURE FEMALE CRAB

No minimum size

## Recreational Crab License Fees For The Chesapeake Bay And Its Tributaries

Maryland Resident .....	\$5.00
Non-Resident .....	\$10.00
Maryland Resident who possesses a Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License or a Resident Consolidated Senior Sport Fishing License .....	\$2.00
Recreational Crab Boat License .....	\$15.00

#### Consolidated Chesapeake Bay Sport Boat License for Maryland Resident or Nonresident\* .....

\$40.00  
*An individual under 16 years of age may crab without a license in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and is restricted to the same limits as an unlicensed crabber. \*One individual complimentary crabbing license will also be issued.*

## Time Restrictions For Rivers, Creeks And Tributaries

April and October through December 15

One half hour after sunrise to sunset.

#### May through September

One half hour before sunrise to sunset

No Crabbing on Wednesdays except from private piers.

Maps are available on DNR's web site: [www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/)

## Time Restrictions For The Chesapeake Bay

### April and October through December 15

One half hour after sunrise to 5:00 p.m.

### May through September

One half hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m.

No Crabbing on Wednesdays except from private piers.

Recreational crabbing of all types is permitted on

Wednesdays that fall on or immediately precede a state or federal holiday.

## It Shall be Lawful for a Recreational Crabber with a License to Use

1. up to 1,200 feet per boat of baited trotline, with a float of the same color, size, and shape attached to each end; and
2. more than 10 but not more than 30 or a combination of 30 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings per boat; and
3. dip nets and any number of handlines; and
4. not more than 10 eel pots for catching your own crabbing bait.

### Daily Catch Limit:

**Unlicensed Boat** – An individual recreational crab licensee: 1 bushel of hard crabs and 2 dozen peeler or soft crabs. If there are at least 2 individual recreational crab licensees aboard the unlicensed boat: 2 bushels of hard crabs and 4 dozen peeler or soft crabs per boat.

**Licensed Boat** – Consolidated Chesapeake Bay Sport Boat License or a Chesapeake Bay Recreational Crab Boat License allows unlicensed crabbers: 1 bushel of hard crabs and 2 dozen peeler or soft crabs. If there are at least 2 individuals with a recreational crab license on the licensed boat: 2 bushels of hard crab and 2 dozen peeler or soft crabs per boat.

### See Time Restrictions

## It Shall be Lawful for a Recreational Crabber without a License

1. To crab 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week from docks, piers, bridges, boats and shorelines using dip nets and any number of handlines.
2. to set a maximum of 2 crab pots at their property per privately owned pier:
  - a. attached by rope or line to the property or a privately owned pier or dock; or
  - b. attached to a pole in front of their property, not more than 100 yards from the shore and marked

- with a sign not less than 6 inches in height indicating the owner's name and address; and
- c. are required by law to have 2 cull rings, one measuring at least 2 3/16-inches and one at least 2 5/16-inches located in the exterior side panel or the top panel of the pot; and
- d. are required by law to have a "turtle reduction device" attached to each entrance or funnel in the lower chamber constructed of wire or plastic, rectangle in shape with dimension not larger than 1 3/4-inches by 4 3/4-inches.

### Daily Catch Limit:

Two dozen hard crabs and 1 dozen peeler or soft crabs per person. (Catch limits may vary if property owner or an individual is licensed.)

### Time Restriction: None

3. To crab from docks, piers, bridges, and shorelines using:
  - a. not more than 10 or a combination of 10 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings per person; and
  - b. any number of handlines or dip nets.

**Daily Catch Limit:** 2 dozen hard crabs and 1 dozen peeler or soft crabs per person.

### See Time Restrictions

4. To crab from from an unlicensed boat without any individual recreational crabbing license using:
  - a. not more than 10 or a combination of 10 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings per person; and
  - b. any number of handlines or dip nets.

### Daily Catch Limit:

Four dozen hard crabs and 1 dozen peeler or soft crabs per boat.

### See Time Restrictions

## It Shall Be Unlawful For A Recreational Crabber

1. To sell crabs without a commercial license.
2. To possess an egg-bearing (sponge) crab.
3. To set, place or fish crabbing gear prior to or after the prescribed time restrictions.
4. To set or fish a trotline or collapsible traps within 100 feet of a trotline.
5. To fish crab pots which belong to another person which is a Criminal Offense.
6. To fish eel pots without a license.

*NOTE: Collapsible crab traps or crab net rings which are not attached to a pier, wharf, or boat must be marked with a buoy bearing the name of the owner.*

# Maryland's Coastal Bays, Tributaries and Atlantic Ocean Sport Fishing

## Recreational Crab Facts

Crab Season: April 1 to December 31

SIZE: (measure from tip to tip of spikes)

**Male Hard Crab**

5 inches from April 1 to December 31

**Soft Crab**

3 1/2 inches from April 1 to December 31

**Peeler Crab**

3 1/4 inches from April 1 to July 14

3 1/2 inches from July 15 to December 31

**Mature Female Crab**

No size

License Requirement: None

## It Shall Be Lawful

1. To **crab** in the Coastal Bay's of Maryland's Atlantic Ocean and their tributaries using:
  - a. not more than 600 feet of baited trotline, with float of the same color, size and shape attached to each end; or
  - b. not more than two 600-foot trotlines if 2 or more persons are in the boat; or
  - c. dip nets and any number of handlines; and
  - d. not more than 10 or a combination of 10 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings per person from docks, piers, bridges, boats or shoreline; or
  - e. not more than 25 or a combination of 25 collapsible crab traps or crab net rings, if two or more persons are in a boat.
2. For **waterfront property owners** to set a maximum of 2 crab pots at their property:
  - a. attached by rope or line to the property or a privately owned pier or dock; or
  - b. attached to a pole in front of their property, not more than 100 yards from the shore and marked with a sign not less than 6 inches in height indicating the owner's name and address; and
  - c. are required by law to have one 2 5/16-inches cull ring on a side panel of the upper compartment and one 2 5/16-inches cull ring on the lower compartment; and
  - d. are required by law to have a "turtle reduction device" attached to each entrance or funnel in the lower chamber constructed of wire or plastic, rectangle in shape with dimension not larger than 1 3/4-inches by 4 3/4-inches.

*No time restriction:*

*Daily Possession and Catch Limit:*

One bushel hard crabs per person, but not more than

two bushels if two or more persons are on a boat.

## It Shall be Unlawful:

1. To possess a daily catch limit of more than 250 hard shell clams per person per day. Clams must measure 1" thick.
2. To have in one's possession American or hickory shad.
3. To cull striped bass.

## Legal Size of Certain Coastal Bays Fish

*Creel, size and seasons subject to change*

### STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH)

*Minimum Size:* 28 inches

*Creel Limit:* 2 per person per day  
no closed season

### CROAKER (HARDHEAD)

*Minimum Size:* 9 inches

*Creel Limit:* 25 per person per day

### BLUEFISH

*Minimum Size:* 8 inches

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

### BLACK DRUM

*Minimum Size:* 16 inches

*Creel Limit:* 1 per person per day

### SPOTTED SEATROUT

*Minimum Size:* 14 inches

*Creel Limit:* 10 per person per day

### RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS)

*Minimum Size:* 18" min. – 27" max.

*Creel Limit:* 1 per person per day

### TAUTOG

*Minimum Size:* 14 inches

*Creel Limit:* 5 per person per day

Closed Season: December 1 – December 31

### WEAKFISH

*Minimum Size:* 13 inches

*Creel Limit:* 8 per person per day

### FLOUNDER

*Minimum Size:* 15 1/2 inches

*Creel Limit:* 4 per person per day

### SCUP (PORGY)

*Minimum Size:* 8 inches

*Creel Limit:* 50 per person per day

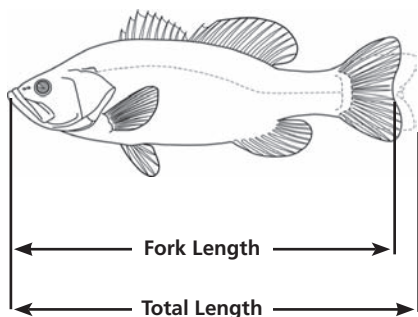
### BLACK SEA BASS

*Minimum Size:* 12 inches

*Creel Limit:* 25 per person per day

*No Closed Season*





*Fish with a minimum size requirement should be measured from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail or caudal fin as indicated above. Fish should be placed on a flat surface with a measuring device beneath its body to get an accurate measurement.*

## If you are returning fish to the water

1. Never let it flap on the ground. Hold fish with a wet hand or wet rag (never dry) and gently remove hook.
2. Never keep fish out of the water for more than about 15 seconds. Many fish that appear to swim away eventually die. Fish out of water for longer periods of time can sometimes be revived by moving the fish forward and backward in the water to allow oxygen flow through the gills.
3. Anglers should use circle hooks to minimize damage to fish. They are no less effective in keeping fish on the line. Always have pliers handy for deep-set hooks and leave hooks in fish that have swallowed them rather than ripping out their stomachs.

## Catch a Poacher...

"Poaching" deprives the public of the opportunity to use and enjoy Maryland's natural resources. Preserving our natural resources for our present and future enjoyment is everyone's responsibility.

### It's Illegal

Taking sportfish or game out of season • Taking of banned sportfish or non-game wildlife • Exceeding creel or bag limit (legal quantity in possession) • Taking game or sportfish with illegal methods or equipment • Taking sportfish or game outside of established hours • Taking fox outside of prescribed open season

### Reward

Citizens who supply the Natural Resources Police will receive cash rewards for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of a violator. Be specific in the description of individuals. When possible, give name, addresses and vehicle descriptions. The anonymity of the information/caller is guaranteed.

### Report a Poacher

This is a cooperative program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Association of Wildlife Conservation, Hunting and Sport Fishing Associations, and citizens of Maryland. For additional information on the Catch-A-Poacher program, or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the reward fund contact:

**CALL TOLL-FREE: 800-635-6124**  
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**2006-2007 & 2007-2008 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Proposed Public Comment Welcome until 4 p.m. March 13th**

DNR has announced the Proposed Hunting and Trapping Regulations for resident game species and select migratory game species for both the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 hunting license years. Three public meetings are scheduled: Easton High School - March 7 (7 p.m.), Fort Hill High School in Cumberland - March 9 (7 p.m.), and Central Middle School in Edgewater on Sat., March 11 (1 p.m.) "We look forward to discussing our proposals with hunters and others interested in Maryland's wildlife," said Wildlife & Heritage Service Director Paul A. Peditto. For those unable to attend the public

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